Telephone connections sanctioned on out of turn basis in Delhi

3421. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of telephone connections on out of turn basis which have been given to N-OYT registrants upto December, 1992 in Delhi;

(b) what was the date of priority covered by Government in respect of Delhi;

(c) what is the number of persons who are still on the waiting list for the telephone connections in Delhi as on the 1st January, 1993 and the period by which they are expected to get the telephone connections; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in the last six months to instal electronic exchange to cover the maximum number of people waiting for the telephone connections under the N-OYT (General) scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Sir, the number of Telephone connections sanctioned on out of turn basis to N-OYT registrants in Delhi during the year 1992 is 8596.

(b) The required information is given at annexure (*see* Appendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 61-A).

(c) There are 379035 persons on the waiting list for new telephone connections as on 1st January, 1993. They are expected to get the connections by March, 95 subject to availability of equipment, materials and financial resources.

(d) 28000 electronic telephone exchange lines at various exchanges of MTNL Delhi were commissioned from Sept. 92 to Feb. 93 to cover the waiting list under various categories including N-OYT (General) category.

एस०टी०डी० सुविधाओं का विस्तार

3422. : **श्री रामजी लाल** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बतानें की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मार्च, 1992 तक देश के सभी तहसील मुख्यालयों को एस० टी० डी० सुविधा से जोड़ने का कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) उक्त लक्ष्य को प्राप्त न कर पाने के क्या कारण हैं, और

(घ) शेष तहसील मुख्यालयों पर एसटीडी सुविधा अब तक उपलब्ध करा दी जायेगी ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(घ) सभी तहसील मुख्यालयों को 1-4-95 तक एस० टी० डी० सुविधा के साथ जोड़ देने का प्रस्ताव है ।

Completion of externally assisted projects

@3423. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of externally assisted projects running behind schedule state-wise;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in the completion of these externally assisted projects; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure timely completion of these projects ?

@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2095, transferred from 11th March, 1993.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) Information is given in the attached statement (*see* below).

(b) while every care is being taken in implementing the externally aided projects in time, some projects are delayed because of price escalations, fluctuations in exchange rate, procurement delays, tardy land acquisition, inadequate counterpart funds and projects specific issues.

(c) Implementation delays in projects are addressed through strengthening of counterpart resources, close monitoring by the Planning Commission and by line ministeries with special emphasis on timely procurement action by project authorities, and simplification of procedure in respect of foreign exchange, tender evaluation etc. In addition, projects are being extensively monitored at different levels including the State Governments.

Statement

State-wise number of projects running behind schedule

S. No.	Name of State	No. of Project
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8
2.	Tamil Nadu	5
3.	Karnataka	3
4.	Kerala	12
5.	Orissa	3
6.	Madhya Pradesh	5
7.	Uttar Pradesh	12
8.	Bihar	3
9.	Rajasthan	2
10.	Gujarat	8
11.	Maharashtra	7
12.	Haryana	1
13.	Assam	2
14.	West Bengal	1
15.	Himachal Pradesh	1

Handing over of Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited

@@3424. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the move to hand over Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited to a blacklisted owner Shrimati Sumati Morarjee who was responsible for the present bad shape of the company;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Repatriation of dividend by foreign investors

@@@3425. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Foreign Investment Promotion Board has agreed to protect dividend repatriation of foreign investors in essential areas against exchange rate fluctuation in the case of an investment proposals of Enron Power Development Corporation of the United States in the power sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether such protection will be extended to other foreign investors in other essential areas also, if so, the details thereof ?

@@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2888, transferred from 17th March, 1993.

@@@Previously Unstarred Question No. 2048, transferred from 11th March, 1993.